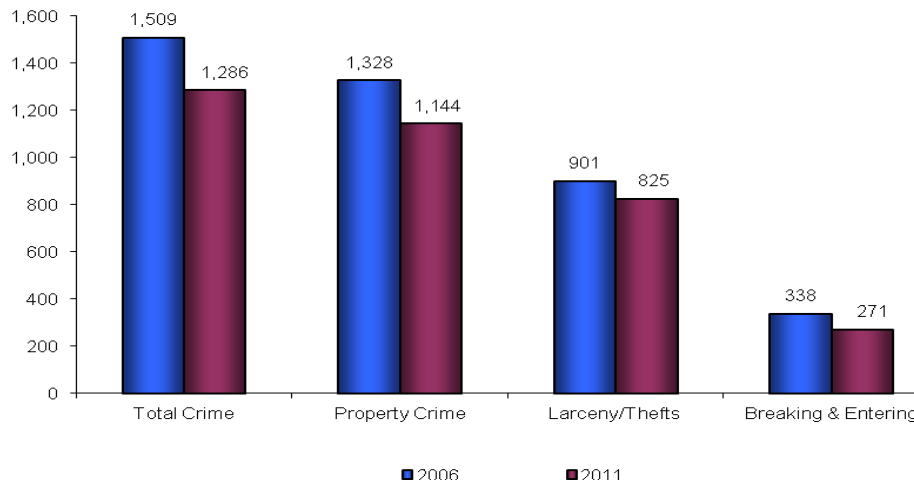


Dorchester County

Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Dorchester County has seen a significant 14.8% reduction in total crime, a 21.5% reduction in violent crime, and a 13.9% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in robberies (-34.4%), aggravated assaults (-22.0%), breaking & entering (-19.8%), larceny/thefts (-8.4%), and motor vehicle thefts (-46.1%).

Dorchester County Crime Trends 2006 - 2011



DORCHESTER COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Dorchester County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 7 grants totaling \$81,955. As a result, Dorchester County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Law Enforcement Technology** – The Dorchester County Government received a technology upgrade which enhances information sharing and provides deputies and supervisors timely access to criminal intelligence data. The purchase of 10 portable radios assists the department with its security enhancement, investigative abilities, and communication.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- Compstat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Law Enforcement Technology
- Protective Order Entry/Service
- Gun-Related Crime Reduction
- Sex Offender Monitoring

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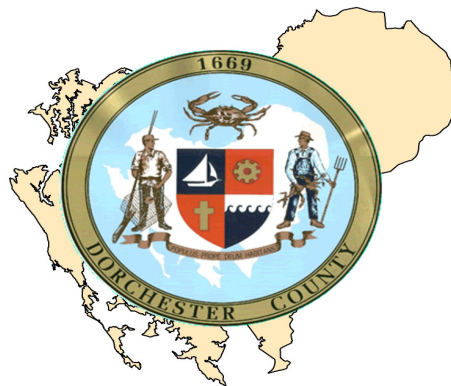
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- **Gun-related Crime Reduction** – The Dorchester County Sheriff's Office and the Cambridge Police Department are receiving overtime support from GOCCP to implement strategies intended to reduce gun-related crime. Deputies monitor the twice yearly "gun bashes" held in the county as well as the weekly gun auctions to ensure that proper sales, licensing, and registration procedures are followed.

Police officers from the Cambridge Police Department patrol in groups to saturate areas that are determined to be prevalent in gun violence. This strategy results in effective coverage of these areas so that violations of the gun laws do not go undetected.

- **Protective Order Entry/Service** – The Dorchester County Sheriff's Office supports the court's entering protective orders into the MILES/NCIC database within a 24 hour period. An Order Entry Specialist position is filled to fulfill this task.
- **Sex Offender Monitoring** – The Dorchester County Sheriff's Office was provided funds to support a Deputy who tracks the compliance of local sex offenders who are required to register/re-register with the Maryland Sex Offender Registry. This program helps to prevent the occurrence of sex crimes by providing monitoring of register sex offenders, allowing enhanced enforcement of the laws, and ensuring compliance, which benefits the entire population of Dorchester County.



"Law enforcement has moved aggressively against gangs and guns to reduce crime in Dorchester County. Officers also work closely with community groups to keep neighborhood streets safe and improve the quality of life in the county."

Governor Martin O'Malley